

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Berlin

The East Germans are continuing to behave as though they are expecting rising tension in Berlin. Since last Friday there has been a marked increase in their construction activities along the sector and zonal borders of the city. Aerial reconnaissance reveals that they have stockpiled construction materials along the length of the borders. Over the weekend, the armed workers' militia went through an exercise close by the Wall, where they have not been seen since last August.

2. Congo

a. Tshombé is trying to pressure Union Minière into advancing from \$80 to \$120 million in foreign exchange against future mineral shipments. Tshombé wants such a nest-egg in order to be able to ride out any economic embargo. He is now in Geneva and intends to go on to Brussels to put further pressure on company officials. 50X1

3. Disarmament Conference

Ambassador Dean is having heavy going with the British on the new US proposal. The British argue that we will not be able to get off the ground at all unless we give figures--single-digit ones-- for the number of control posts and on-site inspections we want. Barring this, they say, we should go for a treaty which covers atmospheric, underwater and outer-space, but not underground, testing. Dean thinks that the British are working from a scientific assessment different from ours and that he will have to close that gap before he can bring them around.

NOTES

- A. Another test of strength between President Goulart and the conservative Brazilian congress should occur later this week. Goulart plans to ask the congress to remove many of the checks it has placed on the executive power and is giving some thought to closing down the congress if he is refused.
- B. Sukarno has told Ambassador Jones that his decision on accepting the West New Guinea agreement is solid and that Subandrio will leave for New York next Thursday for the formal signing.
- C. A top TASS official visiting India has told [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] that the Chinese Communists are "raising 50X1
hell" about the projected MIG deal. Ambassador Galbraith comments that this is exactly what the Soviets would want the Indians to believe, but he is more inclined than not to believe it.

DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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